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The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000, in which it decided to provide the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women with financial assistance on a non-recurrent basis, enabling the Institute to continue its activities throughout 2001,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/40 of 26 July 2001 and its recommendation that the General Assembly consider the transfer of any balance remaining from the $800,000 advance for 2001 to the Institute for its operations in 2002,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation affecting the Institute;[1]

2. *Commends* the Institute for the successive implementation of phases I and II of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System and the initiation of phase III;

3. *Expresses its concern* that, after the departure of the Director in July 2001 and notwithstanding the severe predicament of the Institute, a new Director has not yet been appointed;

4. *Takes into consideration* that:

(a) The balance remaining from the $800,000 advanced for 2001 is estimated at the $400,000 level;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/56/279.

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(b) The amount resulting from the transfer of the $400,000 together with the contributions envisaged for 2002 would not be sufficient to cover the core operations of the Institute throughout 2002;

5. *Decides*:

(a) To establish a Task Force with one representative from each of the five regions of the United Nations, two representatives from the host country and two representatives of the Secretary-General. The mandate of the Task Force will be to recommend to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002, measures to be implemented to bring about both the long-term sustainability and the future development of the Institute;

(b) To provide the Institute with the financial support required for continuity of its core operations during the biennium 2002-2003, in order to allow the implementation of the measures decided upon by the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to:

(a) Appoint the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women as soon as possible in order to provide the Institute with the required leadership, in particular throughout the period of restructuring;

(b) Ensure that the Secretariat provides the Task Force with the support it requires for the undertaking of their work;

(c) Continue to encourage Member States to support the Institute by making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002, on the implementation of the present resolution.